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(b) whether there were lathi charges in that connexion; and

(c) whether the District Magistrate used a cane himself?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) Yes. On 16th June 1953, an order under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, was promulgated by the Subdivisional Magistrate, Guntur, prohibiting any assembly of five or more persons within a distance of 250 yards from the factory of Messrs. British India Tobacco Corporation, Limited. The order was made applicable to the branch factory also on the next day. The object was to prevent intimidation of workmen and staff who were willing and wanting to work and to prevent annoyance to the public and disturbance of public tranquillity.

" (b) It is true that there was a lathi charge on that day. The crowd did not disperse in spite of the prohibitory order. After several warnings, the Police had to use tear gas to disperse the mob. This had no effect. A mild lathi charge was therefore made and the mob dispersed soon after.

" (c) It is not true that the District Magistrate used a cane himself. By the time he reached the spot, the lathi charge was over, and the mob had dispersed and were leaving the place.

" I may add the situation has now settled down and it is hoped these questions and answers will not undo the conciliation process."

Sri VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" I want a half-hour debate on this question, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" No, it is not possible."

Reprinting of Board's Standing Orders.

* 1218 Q.—Sri S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state when the Government propose to reprint the Board's Standing Orders, Volumes I to IV, and when they were last printed?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government have already ordered the reprint of the Board's Standing Orders which were last reprinted in 1931. The Superintendent, Government Press, has stated that he has since taken up the reprinting of Volume I of the Board's Standing Orders and that the reprint of the other volumes will be taken up successively."

" Korambus " in the Cauvery for Pugalur and Vangal channels.

* 1219 Q.—Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the average annual amounts spent for the construction of " Korambu " in Cauvery for Pugalur and Vangal channels in Karur taluk;